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Docket No.: HO-P02682US1  
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Orla M. Conneely, et al.

Application No.: Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit:

Filed: July 15, 2003

Examiner:

For: PRODUCTION OF RECOMBINANT  
LACTOFERRIN AND LACTOFERRIN  
POLYPEPTIDES USING CDNA SEQUENCES  
IN VARIOUS ORGANISMS

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

**SPECIFICATION**

- ☐ There are no amendments to the specification.
- ☒ Marked up replacement(s) paragraphs are presented in a separate section.

**CLAIMS**

- ☐ There are no amendments to the claims.
- ☒ A complete listing of all claims ever present in this case in ascending order with status identifier is presented in a separate section.